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- 25X1 1. The military garrison of Isola d'Istria has been augmented by detached units from Capodistria, consisting of two infantry companies. Six medium tanks have also been received from the shops of Cul di Leme; they are permanently in Isola d'Istria where they are used for drill with infantry units. Soldiers and equipment have been housed in the Ampelea factory.

Fiume and Pola:

- 25X1 2. The new ship SKOPLJE was launched 23 September at the "3 Maj" shipyards. It has a capacity of 4,000 tons and is the twin ship of the ZAGREB launched on 1 May. These vessels are 101 meters long and have a speed of 12.5 miles an hour. The ship can easily be transformed into an auxiliary naval unit and have special reinforcements and rotating platforms for the placement of guns.
- 25X1 3. Skilled workers are being sought for the shipyards of Fiume and Pola. An Italian, formerly with the Scoglio Olivi shipyards of Pola and an expert on submarines, has received an offer to go to Pola or Fiume at a high salary. He refused the offer because he believed that once in Yugoslavia he would not be permitted to return to Italy.
4. Anti-Communist propaganda is being intensified in the naval units stationed in Pola. The sailors pass on to their colleagues leaflets and newspapers written in Croatian which attack the Yugoslav regime. There is an anti-Tito solidarity among the sailors. The officers are also said to be in tacit agreement.
5. The naval garrison of Pola has been increased to 3,500. Large "row boats" are used for drill purposes and landing maneuvers are made on the coast of Pola and Brioni.
6. At Scoglio Olivi two merchant ships are being repaired. The work is proceeding slowly because there is a shortage of skilled labor.
7. In the port of Pola there is the usual submarine, two coast guard patrol motor launches and two fast MAS boats. No naval units have arrived.

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Merchant marine movements consist of the usual Trieste- Fiume service with the boats MAKARSKA and RAVINJ, each of 350 tons.

8. The old forts of Pola are being equipped with turrets and some artillery pieces. The forts are being garrisoned by small groups of sailors.
9. Hangars and shops are being built on the Altura airfield of Pola. The field is being extended. At present there are about 20 planes on the field; eight are training ships, one is a Soviet pursuit plane, and there are a few Spitfires as well.
10. The Vallerlunga powder magazine in Pola is working at full capacity. It has notable quantities of ammunition for small and medium caliber artillery and for machine guns. There is also a large quantity of hand grenades. The powder magazine is garrisoned by a company of soldiers.
11. On Via Roma there is a gasoline depot which has a capacity of about 20,000 tons of gasoline and kerosene. It is located across the street from the school gymnasium.
12. Most of the troops stationed in Pola are billeted in the barracks which were formerly called the Nazario Sauro barracks.
13. The arsenal at Pola has large signs at the entrance. One of these signs gives data on production for the month - the percentage of work normally done, the percentage of work actually done, discipline and volunteer work, participation at all meetings, and material saved. All figures are in percentages.
14. The director of the arsenal is the engineer Leontic, a Navy commander. Professor Minari, an Italian from Verona, directs the chemical laboratory. About 60 Yugoslav officers supervise the various sections and shops. At present the arsenal employs 485 workers.
15. The metallurgical shop is at full working capacity repairing arms and taking parts from those not suitable for repair. At present Italian Fiat machine guns, submachine guns, 81 and 88 mortars, and rifles are being repaired. There is a great deal of work and it is sure to last for many more months.

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